

LITTLEHAMPTON PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

15 Mill Road,
WORTHING

23rd January, 1964.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year 1963, prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Ministry of Health.

SECTION I - Staff

TABLE A

Mr S. Millward resigned from his duties as Port Health Inspector on 31st August, 1963. He was replaced by Mr W. P. S. Rae, who took up his duties on 14th October, 1963.

SECTION II - Amount of Shipping entering the Port

TABLE B

Ships from	Number	Tonnage	Number inspected		Number of ships reported as having or having had during the voyage, infectious disease on board
			by the Medical Officer of Health	Port Health Inspector	
Foreign Ports	28	6,878	Nil	28	Nil
Coastwise	148	23,273	Nil	32	Nil
Total	176	30,151	Nil	60	Nil

So far as coastwise shipping is concerned, 3 ships visited the Port on 116 occasions bringing ballast from Freshwater Bay.

SECTION III - Character of Shipping and Trade During the Year

TABLE C

Passenger Traffic	Nil
Cargo Traffic	(Principal IMPORTS - Granite, Timber, Fertilizer, Peat Moss, Potatoes. (Principal EXPORTS - Lime, Cereals, i.e. Barley and Wheat.
Principal Ports from which ships arrive	Waterford, Falmouth, Barnstaple, Jersey C.I., Newlyn, Hamina, Ala, Rotterdam, Amsterdam, Uusikaupunki, Sluiskil, Gdansk, IJmuiden.

SECTION IV - Inland Barge Traffic

There are no inland waterways in the district.

SECTION V - Water Supply

NO CHANGE

SECTION VI - Public Health (Ships) Regulations 1952/1961

NO CHANGE

SECTION VII - Smallpox

1. Smallpox cases in this district are sent to the Long Reach Smallpox Hospital, Dartford, Kent.
2. Ambulance facilities for smallpox cases are available at the Horsham Ambulance Station, under the control of the County Council. Ambulance crews are vaccinated every year.
3. Dr. W. S. Parker, Medical Officer of Health for Brighton, is the nearest Smallpox Consultant.
4. Specimens for pathological examination can be sent to the Public Health Laboratory, Brighton.

SECTION VIII - Venereal Disease

NO CHANGE

SECTION IX

Cases of Notifiable and Other Infectious Diseases on Ships

There have been no cases of notifiable or other infectious disease on any ships visiting this Port.

SECTION X

Observations on the Occurrence of Malaria in Ships

No case of Malaria has been reported to the Port Medical Officer the year.

SECTION XI

Measures Taken Against Ships Infected with or Suspected for Plague

No case of Plague has been reported to the Port Medical Officer during the year.

SECTION XII

Measures Against Rodents in Ships from Foreign Ports

No rodents were destroyed during the year in ships from foreign ports.

No rat infested vessels have entered the port.

TABLE F

De-ratting Certificates and De-ratting Exemption Certificates issued
During the Year for Ships from Foreign Ports

As from 1st August, 1962, Littlehampton was approved as a port for the purpose of issuing both De-ratting and De-ratting Exemption Certificates under

the provisions of the Public Health (Ships) Regulations 1952/1961.

No. of De-ratting Certificates issued					Number of De-ratting Exemption Certificates issued	Total Certificates issued
HCN	After fumigation with Other fumigant (state method)	After trapping	After poisoning	Total		
-	-	-	-	-	7	7

SECTION XIII

TABLE G

Inspections and Notices

Nature and Number of Inspections		Notices Served		Result Serving Notices
		Statutory Notices	Other Notices	
Foreign	28	None	1	Not known
Coastwise	32	None	5	Not known
Total	60	Nil	6	-

Unfortunately, because ships proceed to other ports and do not necessarily re-visit Littlehampton, it is frequently not possible to learn whether unsatisfactory conditions have been remedied. Nevertheless, the inspection followed up by a request for appropriate action must result ultimately in the desired improvement.

SECTION XIV

Public Health (Shell-fish) Regulations 1934 and 1948

NO CHANGE

SECTION XV

Medical Inspection of Aliens

NOT APPLICABLE

SECTION XVI

Miscellaneous

Arrangements for the burial on shore of persons who have died on board ship from Infectious Disease

NO CHANGE

Following Mr Millward's departure, the Port Health Inspector at Shoreham carried out any duties that were necessary until Mr Rae was able to take over the duties himself. Mr Rae attended at the Port of Southampton in order to acquaint himself with all the up to date duties of a Port Health Inspector, and, in particular, those connected with De-ratting Certificates and De-ratting Exemption Certificates.

In spite of the changes, the work has been carried out very smoothly and without any difficulties. This is in no small measure due to the co-operation we receive from the Harbour Master and Customs Officer, who are always most helpful.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

F. COCKCROFT,

Medical Officer of Health.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Littlehampton Port Health Authority.